



ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL HERALD



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JANUARY 2007

PARISH COUNCIL TO RECEIVE OATH OF OFFICE ON JANUARY 7

On December 10, 2006, Cathedral members in good standing elected seven fellow parishioners to serve on the Parish Council, for a two-year term, beginning January 1, 2007 and ending December 31, 2009. The seven are: Patricia Aleck, George Ambadiotakis Ambus, James P. Dariotes, Nick Kontonis, Peter Manetas, Nicholas J. Rally and John Sooklaris. Together with the eight members who were elected to a two-year term in 2005 (namely, Michael Bagatelos, John Coundouris, Thomas A. Nuris, Nikolas Stathopoulos, Nicholas Svetcoff, George Vlahos, James D. Vorrises, and Gus Vouchilas), these will constitute the Parish Council for 2007. The newly elected members will take the oath of office on Sunday, January 7, 2007, at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. Following, they will convene to elect the Parish Council officers for 2007. The officers are: a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Assistant Treasurer.

ANNUAL VASLIOPITA ON JANUARY 7

As noted in the Philoptochos News section of the present *Herald*, the annual Vasilopita (lit. "St. Basil's Bread") will be celebrated at the Cathedral on January 7. This event, sponsored by the Cathedral's Ladies Philoptochos, which, this year, will offer a brunch, is intended to celebrate the New Year by offering support to the philanthropic work of the Church, which is the Philoptochos, primarily by offering funds to St. Basil's Academy to enable it to continue as an educational center for orphans and other youth in need of housing and of the programs which St. Basil's offers. After the singing of the New Year's song (*Arhiminia ki' Arhichronia*), the bread is cut and distributed to all the organizations which comprise the Annunciation Cathedral parish. A coin is placed in the bread (in remembrance of St. Basil's custom of "burying" coins in the breads which he distributed to the poor). Whoever receives the coin in the portion given to him is said to be especially lucky for the New Year.

A DVD COVERING OUR 85TH ANNIVERSARY

We are pleased to inform our parishioners that we are working on producing a DVD showing highlights of that most memorable of events, our 85th anniversary gala held in the Rotunda of San Francisco's City Hall November 12, 2006. A "night of magic, a night of dreams," as His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios called it, the DVD will attempt to capture the essence of the celebration, in pictures and music, and will be available within the next few weeks. We will keep you informed as to its production, availability, and cost.

OUR STEWARDSHIP SUPPORT OF THE CATHEDRAL FOR 2007

Father Stephen Kyriacou, Dean of the Cathedral, is addressing a letter to parishioners and friends of the Cathedral concerning our financial support for the Cathedral for 2007. As he thanks us for all we have done to support the work of the Church during the 2006, he is asking us to "step up to the plate," as we face new challenges. This will enable the Cathedral to be on sound financial footing, as we enter our 86th year, and to a very bright future, as God will direct us. Father's letter reads, in part:

Dear Parishioners and Friends of the Cathedral,

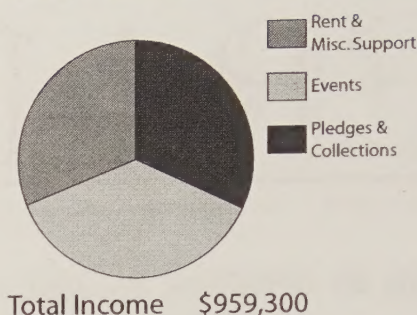
Soon, you will be receiving your 2006 year-end statements, reflecting your Stewardship and other contributions to the Cathedral. I take this opportunity to thank you for your support. I thank God for you and for your stewardship, which is nothing less than complete and selfless giving, as a reflection of the love of God, who "empties himself" for our salvation.

This year, the school, which has been domiciled on our premises for several years, will be leaving. In June, they will be relocating to their own facilities in San Francisco. We have come to depend upon their monthly payment of \$17,000, both

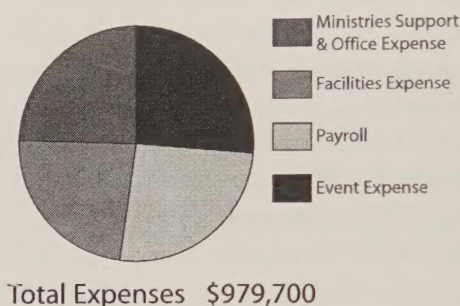
for operating purposes and for our building fund. Their leaving will result in a \$100,000 shortfall for 2007. In addition, the Archdiocese is making a 20% adjustment in our support for national ministries. This support will go from \$39,000 to \$46,500. The pie chart shows the net effect of these two realities. The one on the left shows our income and expenses for 2006, while the one on the right shows the same budget as this will be impacted by the aforementioned expense adjustment and loss of income for 2007.

One of the ways we can address the above is to cut corners, and we have. Cleaning of the facilities, for example, is being performed by a company, thus saving the Cathedral Workers Compensation and other benefits expenses. **Another** is to increase our membership base, and we are doing this: our membership drive is intended to raise the number of supporting members in 2007 to 600. A **third way** is to ask our parishioners to continue to support the ministries of the church, as best as you are able, but by raising the minimum amount of our contributions. We notice that, out of 522 pledges for 2006, 263 (more than half) are for \$300, the minimum which was set some fifteen years ago. This means that the remaining 259 pledges shoulder most of the responsibility in meeting the Cathedral's budget of \$600,000, half of which comes from your stewardship contributions. In a word, my friends, we need to "step up to the plate." Consider: if all of us gave in proportion to our ability to give, our stewardship contributions alone would meet our 2007 budget, and even exceed it. At the very least, the 263 individuals and families which contributed an aggregate of less than \$75,000 in 2006,

2006 Income



2006 Expense

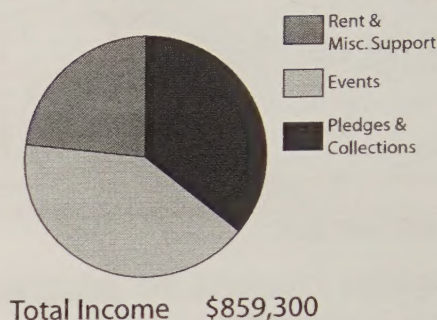


should be giving \$50 a month apiece, or \$600 for the year, at the very least, for 2007. This step alone would take care of the shortfall which we will experience when the school leaves.

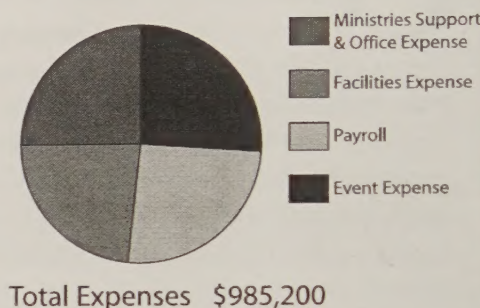
Knowing of your love for the church and your desire to see it on a sound financial footing, in "rolling over" your 2006 stewardship pledge for 2007, the office will "bring up" your pledges, as described above. If you are unable to meet this obligation, or if you wish to give more, please speak to me personally. I don't want any one to feel financially burdened in expressing your support of the church. However, it is my duty to encourage your giving, so that you don't shirk your responsibility in supporting the work of the church.

In the afterglow of our 85th anniversary, I believe, as you do, that the Cathedral is worthy of our utmost support, as we endeavor to become, once again, a preminent community, commensurate with our Greek Ortho-

2007 Income



2007 Expense



dox faith and heritage, and our position as the ecclesiastical center for our Holy Metropolis. I believe, as you do, that 2007 is the year for the Cathedral and that our parishioners are equal to the task.

With this, I wish you every blessing for 2007 and pray that God will watch over you and your families.



Prayer is the strength of the body,

The prosperity of the household,

The good order of the city,

The might of the Kingdom,

The victory in war,
the security in peace,

The unity of those divided,

The constancy of those united.

Saint Gregory of Nyssa
Fourth Century

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Angel Tree Program

The Angel Tree Program sponsored annually for some many years by the Ladies Philoptochos of the Annunciation during the Christmas Holidays was by far one of the most successful and one of the best we have ever experienced in the history of our Chapter. The response by our parishioners and guests to give gifts, money and gift cards was so overwhelming that we decided to share the gifts between two charity groups within the City of San Francisco. Thank you, thank you, to those willing participants who took the time to give a gift to an underprivileged child and those in need of things that many of us take for granted.

Edgewood Center for Children and Families was one of the charity centers to receive the donated gifts. This Center was originally a refuge for orphans from the Gold Rush which was founded in 1851, and over the last 155 years has evolved to become an innovative, multi-dimensional organization. Edgewood's residential program houses 48 boys and girls, ages 6 to 17, who face emotional, behavioral, and academic challenges as a result of domestic violence, sexual abuse, or neglect. Edgewood's Mission is to strengthen children, youth, families, and their communities through service, training, advocacy, and research. This is the first time that our chapter has designated this group as the recipient of these gifts. They welcomed the donations and expressed accolades and goodwill for the Ladies Philoptochos of the Annunciation.

The other center which received some of the gifts was The Mission of City Crossroads Community Center which serves multi-ethnic youth and low-income families in the inner City of San Francisco. Crossroads' purpose is to provide the children with a safe haven to gather for recreation, study, guidance, mentoring, and discovering the importance of who they are. There are many success stories that come out of this Mission. This Mission is located in a diverse community on 6th Street in the heart of the South of Market area, where overcrowding, alcoholism, drug abuse, gangs and crimes are an everyday occurrence. In a recent article published in the S. F. Examiner, 6th Street was described "as one the darkest, most drug infested areas of San Francisco" (Staff Writer Zoe Mezin). The Mission Center was thrilled to receive gifts and money donated by the members of our community.

No program is successful without the commitment and effort of the two individuals who were assigned to organize and collect the gifts. Kudos to **Nan Cusulos** and **Kathy Dermitzakis** who took on this project with enthusiasm and in the spirit of Philoptochos to accomplish this great deed. What an outstanding effort to exemplify the mission of our Philoptochos! Congratulations to both of you and to everyone else who played a part in this project; be it giving gifts or making sure the gifts are given out to deserving children.

Young people must be made to distinguish between helpful and injurious knowledge, keeping clearly in mind the Christian's purpose in life. So, like the athlete or the musician, they must bend every energy to one task, the winning of the heavenly crown.

Vasilopita and Brunch, Sunday, January 7, 2007

As we celebrate the beginning of the New Year, we also celebrate The Vasilopita (Saint Basil's Bread). This age old tradition commenced in the fourth Century when Saint Basil the Great, who was a bishop wanted to distribute money to the poor in his Diocese. His method was to have sweetened bread made and inserted with a gold coin. Thus, the families in cutting the bread to nourish themselves, were pleasantly surprised to the find the coins. In addition, whoever receives the coin is blessed throughout the year.

This year the Vasilopita is once again being sponsored by the Ladies Philoptochos on Sunday, January 7, 2007 following church services. We invite all of you to attend. In addition to the bread, a brunch will also be served. The donation is \$10 per person and \$5 for children under the age of 12.

As in past years, the surplus funds will be sent to St. Basil's Academy in New York. St. Basil's Academy is the sole property of Philoptochos and nationally Philoptochos chapters throughout the nation raise funds to help support this academy.



Saint Basil the Great
- Fourth Century, Caesarea

OUR 25TH ANNUAL CRAB FEED: FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

While all our Crab Feeds have been successful, we expect this year's to be a sell-out event, as it is our 25th. We urge parishioners and friends of the Cathedral to complete and return the form below, as soon as possible, to guarantee your participation in this wonderful evening of fellowship, fun, and, of course, the best crab. If you prefer, you may call the Cathedral office, at 415 864-8000.

The Annunciation Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos Society
invites you to its

25th Annual Crab Feed Friday, January 19, 2007

Cocktail reception: 6:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:30 p.m.

\$40.00 per person

Reservations will be secured only by receipt of payment

For reservations call:

Pat Destein (415) 883-7477

Attended Parking



Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Please reserve _____ ticket(s) and/or _____ table(s)

(Maximum 10 people per table. Please include the names of all guests to be seated at the table.)

Please make checks payable to: Annunciation Philoptochos, Attn: Crab Feed

Please mail completed reservation form and check by January 10 to:

245 Valencia Street, San Francisco, CA 94103

Your "tickets" will be held at the door.

FOCUS ON YOUTH

ANDREAS & NIKI COUNDOURIS SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED

The Cathedral is pleased to announce the creation of the **Andreas and Niki Coundouris Scholarship Fund**. This fund, established by John Coundouris, a member of the Parish Council, in memory of his parents, aims to provide support for the education of young people of the Annunciation Cathedral, at the college/university/technical/vocational school level.

The Coundouris scholarship is the fifth active scholarship maintained by the Cathedral for the benefit of our

youth. The active scholarship funds, which include the John N. Pappas Scholarship, the Christos Tsikitas Scholarship, the Dr. Anthony P. Bagatelos Medical Scholarship, and the Judge S. Lee Vavuris Legal Scholarship, presently award between \$500 and \$1,000 each, to support the education of our young people. (Two additional scholarship funds, while established, are not yet fully funded and, therefore, do not generate enough income which can be awarded as scholarships, at this time.) In addition to the above scholarships, the Annunciation Cathedral Ladies

Philoptochos, the philanthropic organization for the women of the Cathedral, maintains two scholarship funds, namely the Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos Scholarship Fund and the Argyres Scholarship Fund, and awards scholarships from these funds, also in amounts between \$500 and \$1,000. Scholarship applications may be requested by calling the Cathedral at 415 864-8000. The scholarships are awarded at the annual Father's Day Brunch, which the parish sponsors each year.

AHEPACADEMY FOR HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

High School juniors are invited to be one of 150 Greek-American high school students selected from all over the country to participate in AHEPACademy, an intensive, academic and interactive program to be held on the campus of George Mason University outside Washington, DC from June 24-30, 2007.

Graduates of AHEPACademy are eligible for further mentoring, access to a nationwide network of internships, and participation in continuing internet-based networking and learning opportunities throughout the end of high school, college, graduate school, and beyond. AHEPACademy provides instruction and inspiration by prominent Greek-American and Philhellene instructors from the academic, professional, and public service fields across the United States.

AHEPACademy is looking for exceptional Greek-American high school juniors with top grades (minimum 3.5/4.0 GPA or equivalent), who exemplify scholarship, leadership, character, participation in extracurricular activities, community service, and involvement in the Greek-American community to apply for selection in next summer's AHEPACademy on Campus program.

AHEPACademy is sponsored by the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) through its network of over 300 local Chapters across the United States. Each active AHEPA Chapter is eligible to sponsor one student for participation in this program next summer.

Interested high school juniors are invited to write to info@AHEPACademy.com and include their name and address, the name of their high school, the name of their local AHEPA Chapter, and the name of the Greek Orthodox Church they attend. They will receive an email from AHEPACademy with instructions on who to contact and how to apply for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Applications for AHEPACademy will be available on December 1, 2006 through your local participating AHEPA Chapter. Completed applications must be submitted to your local Chapter no later than March 1, 2007. Contact your local AHEPA Chapter for more details. Some AHEPA Chapters have yet to decide whether they are interested in sponsoring a student from their local communities for next summer's program, so please contact AHEPACademy at info@AHEPACademy.com and your local AHEPA Chapter to indicate your interest in applying as soon as possible.

The Orthodox Church has always placed great emphasis on fasting. We fast on Wednesdays because on this day the decision was made to arrest Jesus. We fast on Fridays because it is the day on which Jesus was crucified. Fasting helps us remember that these are special days in the history of salvation.

*Rev. Fr. Anthony Coniaris
Making God Real in the Orthodox Christian Home*

ATTENTION: COLLEGE STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS

2ND Annual Snowboard and Ski Retreat (Jan. 12-15)

The Metropolis of San Francisco is inviting all Orthodox young adults (18-30) to be part of the 2nd Annual Ski Retreat at Lake Tahoe for the MLK weekend (January 12-15). The theme this year is: Discover Your Inheritance. We'll stay at the Tallac Center at Zephyr Point, just 10 minutes away from the Heavenly Ski Resort. We'll hit the slopes, hang out at the lodge, enjoy the beautiful area of Lake Tahoe, and strengthen our Orthodox faith. Fr. Jim Retelas of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Sacramento will lead the group in spiritual discussion. **Limited space available, so please register soon. You do not have to ski or snowboard to go on this trip. Planned occupancy is 4 to a 2-queen bed room**

Registration Fee: \$274 (If you are not skiing or snowboarding, the fee is \$159).

Last day to register: January 1st.

\$100 DOWN PAYMENT REQUIRED.

Package Includes:

- 1) 3 nights lodging,
- 2) all meals from Friday night to Monday morning (sack lunches provided when we go to Heavenly), and
- 3) a 2-day ski lift at Heavenly.

Transportation, ski rentals and ski lessons are not included. If you don't have ski equipment, it's advised that you rent from your local area rather than at Heavenly.

Make checks out to: Metropolis Youth Fund

Please send checks only to:

Youth Director
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco
372 Santa Clara Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94127

Contact Person:

Pete Sotiras, Director of Youth and Family Ministries
(415) 753-3075
sfyouth@sanfran.goarch.org

To obtain more information and to learn about directions to the Tallac Center at Zephyr Point, go to:
<http://www.zephyrpoint.org/>

JOIN IN THE REBUILDING OF THE GULF COAST

The media's spotlight may have faded from the Gulf Coast, but International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) has not forgotten that there are whole communities where people are still living in tents, motels and FEMA trailers. IOCC will be sending volunteer crews to the area every month through July 2007 to build new homes as part of its comprehensive \$4 million relief and reconstruction program for the Gulf Coast. The first wave of IOCC volunteers are currently in Covington, Louisiana for a week-long assignment.

"Housing is the most critical need," says IOCC U.S. Programs Coordinator Nicholas Chakos. "You have to get people back into homes in order to stimulate the return of schools and businesses," he said. Volunteer help is greatly needed considering the extreme shortage of skilled laborers on the Gulf Coast and land values that have doubled and tripled.

IOCC is building new homes in partnership with local Orthodox churches and Habitat for Humanity. Teams will put up dry wall and install windows and insulation. Communities in New Orleans and parts of Mississippi will also benefit from IOCC's home-building initiative.

If you would like to volunteer to help build new homes with IOCC on the Gulf Coast, please visit our web site at www.iocc.org to complete an on-line application, or call toll free at 1-877-803-IOCC (4622).

2nd Annual Metropolis of San Francisco Young Adult Ski Retreat



Join us for skiing and snowboarding at the Heavenly Ski
Resort for the MLK Weekend
(Jan.12-15)

FOR: Young Adults (18-30)

WHERE: Tallac Center at Zephyr Point (just 10 minutes from Heavenly)

GUEST SPEAKER: Fr. James Retelas of Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Sacramento

REGISTRATION FEE: \$274. If not skiing or snowboarding: \$159
Last day to register: January 1st. **\$100 DOWN PAYMENT REQUIRED.**

PACKAGE INCLUDES: 1) 3 nights lodging, 2) all meals from Friday night to Monday morning (sack lunches provided when we go to Heavenly), and 3) a 2-day ski lift at Heavenly. Transportation, ski rentals and ski lessons are not included. If you don't have ski equipment, it's advised that you rent from your local area rather than at Heavenly. *Planned occupancy is 4 to a two-queen bed room

Please make checks payable to "Metropolis Youth Fund"
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Youth Director
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco
372 Santa Clara Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94127

IOCC was founded in 1992 as the official humanitarian aid agency of the Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas (SCOBA). Since then, it has implemented over \$226 million in relief and development programs in 30 countries around the world.

Media calls: Contact Amal Morcos at 410-243-9820 or (cell) 404-805-4142.



CATHEDRAL PREPARING UPDATED AND REVISED DIRECORY

The Cathedral is in the process of updating and revising its directory of stewardship members, friends and supporting business and is enlisting your assistance. If your address, phone number(s), or e mail address has changed since the directory was last revised, in 2006, won't you take a minute to call the Cathedral office, at 415 864-8000, and report the change(s). If you prefer, please fill out and return the form below:

Please update the Cathedral's directory by making the following changes:

Name(s) _____ Phone(s) _____

Address _____ (City, State, Zip) _____

E-Mail _____

Kindly return the form, by mail, to: Cathedral Directory, 245 Valencia Street, San Francisco, CA 94103-2320, or electronically, to: dean@annunciation.org

Your assistance in helping us better serve you is very much appreciated.

UNITED GREEK ORTHODOX...WHAT?

Parishioners and friends of the Cathedral noticed a name change in our return address on last month's Herald, the Christmas mailing, and the Christmas card. Actually, it was not a name change, but a reversion to our corporate name, as it came into existence in 1936. Until then, we were the "Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Saint Sophia." Then, in September of 1936, we re-incorporated, and have been known officially as "United Greek Orthodox Community of San Francisco, The Annunciation." However, for brevity's sake, we simply listed "Annunciation Cathedral" on our letterhead and on our return address. Recently, the U. S. Post Office has afforded us the opportunity, as a not-for-profit corporation, to send out first class mail at a substantially reduced rate. The only requirement was that our corporate name has to appear as the return address. Therefore, mailing from the Cathedral has, since December, 2006, been listing our return address as:

United Greek Orthodox Community of San Francisco, The Annunciation
Annunciation Cathedral

Breakfast is one of the most neglected meals, yet it is important because it takes place at the beginning of the day. During those hours the family often seems to be simply running a relay race, to get everyone ready in time for work or school. Nonetheless, apart from morning prayer, which goes without saying, it would benefit children to begin the day with even five minutes' experience of their mother's and father's concern, love, and interest in what everyone is going to do that day. When a child leaves for school the mother can bless him, or pray: "God bless" or "the Mother of God be with you." All this does not only further psychological security; it is a safeguard against any negative influences the child may meet, and it is a link between the two worlds of home and school.

Sister Magdalen
Children in the Orthodox Church Today

WORKS EVOCATIVE OF BYZANTINE ART ON DISPLAY

On display for the month of January at the Depot Bookstore and Cafe, 87 Throckmorton Avenue. Zenovia's art shows are being called the hottest stop on the Mill Valley Art Walks. This display of sacred folk art by Zenovia is a tribute to her Greek ancestors, who were refugees and victims of the holocaust in Asia Minor (the western coast of Turkey centered around the city of Smyrna) in the early 1900's; and to the dispossessed the world over due to politics, natural disasters, and wars.

Reception for this show is: Tuesday, January 2, 2007 from 6-7 PM

The art will remain up all month. Ms. Jennifer Zenovia Limberakis has given birth and life to an eclectic genre in the world of art. Her sculptural work is reminiscent of "Assemblage Art" and "Mosaic Art" yet incorporates an idiosyncratic cauldron of icons that have blossomed forth from ancient Greek and Byzantine traditions of yore; while at the same time melding elements from Zenovias grandmothers home altars and glue art of the psychedelic era of the 1960s.

These remarkable pieces dazzle the spirit with nostalgic feelings that evoke such emotions as are typically associated with "home", "prayer," and "nurturing;" and which can act as a focal point for meditation or prayer. These icons may incorporate such disparate elements as pieces of broken mirrors, vintage jewels, stones, and porcelain flowers. As such, they have the capacity to invoke the comfort and familiarity of those ancient sanctuaries that have come to be associated with both home and church, combining the sacred with the secular.

ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΑ ΝΕΑ ΚΑΙ ΑΝΑΚΟΙΝΩΣΕΙΣ

ΧΡΟΝΙΑ ΠΟΛΛΑ! Ο

Καθεδρικός Ναός, με την ευκαιρία του Νέου Έτους, εύχεται σ'όλα τα μέλη και σ'όλους τους ενισχύοντες το έργο του χρόνια πολλά. Είθε ο Θεός να εύλογει το νέον ενιαυτόν, και να χαρίζει στον καθ'ένα υγεία, πνευματική χαρά και αγαλλίαση, και στον κόσμο, ειρήνη, και εν ανθρώποις ευδοκία.

ΟΡΚΩΜΟΣΙΑ ΝΕΟΥ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΟΥ ΣΥΜΒΟΥΛΙΟΥ

Στις 10 Δεκεμβρίου (του 2006) μέλη του Καθεδρικού Ναού εξέλεξαν 7 νέα μέλη του Κοινοτικού Συμβουλίου, δηλαδή την Παναγιώτα Αλεξοπούλου, τον Γιώργο Αμπαδιωτάκη, τον Δημήτρη Δαριώτη, τον Νίκο Κοντώνη, τον Πέτρο Μανέτα, τον Νίκο Ραλλή, και τον Γιάννη Τσουκλαράκη. Την Κυριακή, 7 Ιανουαρίου η ορκωμοσία αυτών θα λάβει χώραν, στον ναό, μετά τη Θεία Λειτουργία. Μαζί με τα οκτώ μέλη που εξελέγησαν πέρυσι, τα επτά νέα μέλη θα αποτελέσουν το νέο Κοινοτικό Συμβούλιο για το τρέχον έτος. Η προθεσμία τους λήγει το τέλος του 2008.



ΕΟΡΤΑΣΜΟΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΟΠΗΤΤΑΣ

Όπως κάθε χρόνο, έτσι και εφέτος θα κόψουμε τη Βασιλόπηττα, αφού πρώτα τραγουδήσουμε μαζί τα κάλανδα της Πρωτοχρονιάς. Στη συνέχεια, η Φιλόπρωχος Αδελφότητα του Καθεδρικού Ναού προσφέρει γεύμα, για την ενίσχυση της Ακαδημίας του Αγίου Βασιλείου, ίδρυμα στην περιοχή της Νέας Υόρκης που επιβλέπει η Φιλόπρωχος Αδελφότητα, ως Εθνική Οργάνωση. Όπως είναι γνωστό, η Ακαδημία του Αγίου Βασιλείου άρχισε τό έτος 1932 ως ορφανοτροφείον και εξακολουθεί να λειτουργεί, με σκοπό την φροντίδα και εκπαίδευση παιδιών.

Ο ΕΟΡΤΑΣΜΟΣ "ΚΑΒΟΥΡΑ"

Για 25 χρόνια τώρα η Φιλόπρωχος Αδελφότητα του Καθεδρικού Ναού προσφέρει δείπνο, κατά το τέλος του Ιανουαρίου, γνωστό ως "Εορτασμός Κάβουρα", για την ενίσχυση των διαφόρων φιλανθρωπικών προγραμμάτων της. Εφέτος, ο εορτασμός αυτός θα λάβει χώραν την Παρασκευή 19 Ιανουαρίου στην μεγάλην αίθουσαν υποδοχής-δεξιώσεων του Καθεδρικού Ναού, με κοκτέϊλ στις 6 μ.μ. και δείπνο στις 7:30 μ.μ. Η προσφορά είναι \$40 το άτομο. Δύνασθε να κλείσετε θέσεις τηλεφωνώντας στο γραφείο

του Καθεδρικού Ναού, στο 415 864-8000, ή στη κ. Πετρούλα Ντεστίν, στο 415 883-7477. Η παρουσία και συμμετοχή σας θα συμβάλλουν σημαντικά στο φιλανθρωπικό έργο της Φιλοπτώχου Αδελφότητας.

Η ΟΙΚΟΝΟΜΙΚΗ ΕΝΙΣΧΥΣΗ ΤΟΥ ΚΑΘΕΔΡΙΚΟΥ ΝΑΟΥ

Μαζί με τις ευχαριστίες του σε σας για την πιστή ενίσχυση του έργου του Καθεδρικού μας ναού, ο Ι. Προϊστάμενος μας, ο π. Στυλιανός, τονίζει μεταξύ άλλων ότι προβλέπεται, κατά το κανούργιο έτος, πως ο Καθεδρικός ναός μας θα αντιμετωπίσει ορισμένες οικονομικές δυσκολίες, μεταξύ των οποίων θα είναι η αμαχώρηση του σχολείου που στεγάζεται εδώ και αρκετά χρόνια και η αύξηση κατά 20% της συνεισφοράς του Καθεδρικού ναού στο ταμείο της Ι. Αρχιεπισκοπής για την ενίσχυση των διαφόρων προγραμμάτων της. Με λίγα λόγια, το εισόδημα του Καθεδρικού ναού θα μειωθεί κατά 100.000 δολλ. και τα έξοδα θα αυξηθούν κατά 7.500 δολλ. Στο αγγλικό μέρος του παρόντος δελτίου δύνασθε να ιδείτε ένα γραφικό που συνοψίζει τον οικονομικό απολογισμό του έτους 2006 ως και το προβλεπόμενο εισόδημα του 2007, μαζί με τα έξοδα.

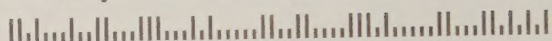
Αυτό θα πεί ότι πρέπει, σαν ενορίτες, μέλη αυτής της ιστορικής και ευλογημένης

Κοινότητας, να "λάβουμε τα μέτρα μας" ώστε να μπορέσει ο Καθεδρικός ναος να λειτουργήσει, ανταποκρινόμενος και στις ανάγκες των πιστών μας, και της Μητροπόλεως (σαν εκκλησιαστικό κέντρον της), αλλά και στις οικονομικές του υποχρεώσεις. Πιστεύουμε ότι συμφωνείτε σ' αυτό και ότι θα κάνετε ό,τι δυνατόν για να εξασφαλίσετε και τις ανάγκες του αλλά και το μέλλον του. Ένας τρόπος είναι η αύξηση του κατωτέρου όρου προσφοράς των πιστών μας. Για 15 και παραπάνω χρόνια τώρα, πάνω από τα μισά μέλη του προσφέρουν 25 δολλ. μηνιαίως ή 300 δολλ. (και ολιγότερο) ετησίως για την ενίσχυση του έργου του, πράγμα που είναι, σύμφωνα με τα σημερινά δεδομένα, εκτός λογικής. Για να καλυφθεί το κόστος της λειτουργίας του, ο κατώτερος όρος θα πρέπει να ανέρχεται τουλάχιστο στα 50 δολλ. μηνιαίως ή στα 600 ετησίως. (Τονίζουμε ότι υπάρχουν άνθρωποι (που δεν είναι πλούσιοι) που προσφέρουν από 10.000 μέχρι 15.000 ο καθένας, ετησίως). Έχοντας υπόψη την αγάπη και την αφοσίωσή σας στο έργο του Καθεδρικού ναού, επομένως, το γραφείο της Κοινότητας θα αναθεωρήσει τα "πλέτζ" μας σχετικά. Εάν έχετε τυχόν ερωτήσεις, παρακαλείσθε όπως επικοινωνήσετε και μιλήσετε προσωπικό με τον π. Στυλιανό.

JANUARY CALENDAR

Monday, January 1	The Circumcision/St. Basil's, Liturgy at 10:15 a.m.
Friday, January 5	Eve of Epiphany, The Great Hours, 9 a.m., Liturgy Followed by the Blessing of Waters, at 10:15 a.m.
Saturday, January 6	Epiphany, Orthros at 9 a.m., the Blessing of Waters and Liturgy at 10:15 a.m.
Sunday, January 7	St. John the Baptist, Orthros at 9 a.m., Liturgy at 10:30 a.m., Sunday School resumes, Parish Council Oath of Office, Annual Vasilopita
Tuesday, January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Dance practice as scheduled
Wednesday, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Basketball practice as scheduled
Wednesday, January 3, 10, 24, 31	Service at 10 a.m., Bible Study at 11 a.m.
Thursday, January 4, 11, 18, 25	Learning Community at 7 p.m.
Sunday, January 7, 14, 21, 28	Dance practice for the little groups, after Liturgy
Thursday, January 11	Philoptochos General Meeting, 1 p.m.
Wednesday, January 17	St. Anthony the Great, Liturgy at the Monastery of St. Anthony, Florence, Arizona
Thursday, January 18	St. Athanasios and St. Cyril, Liturgy at 10 a.m.
Friday, January 19	Annual Crab Feed
Wednesday, January 24	Parish Council, 7 p.m.
Sunday, January 28	Triodion Begins
Tuesday, January 30	The Three Hierarchs, Liturgy at 10 a.m.

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Sacraments & Services

F U N E R A L S

James Harry Poulos, who fell asleep in the Lord on November 22, was buried November 28. He is survived by his children, Sylvia, Daphne, and Stephen.

Demetria Matarangas, who fell asleep in the Lord on November 27, was buried December 1. She is survived by her son, Dan Matarangas.

Stamo D. Thomas, who fell asleep in the Lord on December 17, was buried December 20. She is survived by her son, Paul G. Thomas.

Anthony Sooklaris, who fell asleep in the Lord on December 20, was buried December 27. He is survived by his wife, Helen and their three children, Anthony, Marie and John.

We also extend deepest sympathies to Judy Harames on the falling asleep in the Lord of her husband, John P. Harames, Jr., on December 8.

Aionia I mnimi! May their Memory be eternal!



PLEASE SAVE THE FOLLOWING DATES

Saturday February 10
"Greek Dance Glendi"

Friday February 16
"FDF Weekend"

Saturday March 31
"Palm Tying Brunch"

Friday April 06
"TGI Pascha"

Saturday April 14
Philoptochos
Appreciation Dinner